ment the existing water and air pollution monitoring facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The agreement provides for import of scientific instruments and training of personnel for water and air quality monitoring.

Demand to convene a Round Table Conference to solve the Punjab problem

397. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand from Sikh leaders to convene a Round Table Conference to settle the Punjab Problem; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No such demand has been received by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Review of progress made implementation of 15-Point Programme by the National Integration Council

398. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Integration Council at its meeting held on September 12, 1986 discussed the progress made towards the Fifteen-Point Programme suggested by the former Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi in 1982; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) National Integration Council discussed the progress of 15-Point Programme formulated by the late Prime Minister. The Council laid emphasis on vigorous implementation and follow-up of this programme. It was also decided to set up a sub-group of 3—5 members to suggest steps for follow-up action.

Communal clashes

399. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the places where the communal clashes took place in the recent weeks; and

(b) whether the cause of these disturbances have been investigated and any remedial measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) In August serious communal incidents occurred in Gujarat and Karnataka. In September, serious communal incidents occurred in Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat.

(b) The Governments concerned have been taking appropriate measures preventive and punitive, under law to investigate the cases and to control the situation. The Central Government on their part provides advice and guidance as also make available Central para-military forces as and when asked for. The Central

Government have also, in this connection, circulated detailed guidelines to the various State Governments for prevention as well as control of communal violence, and promotion of communal harmony.

It is also, in this context, that the 15-Point Programme of the former Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi, was commended to the State Governments. The National Integration Council delebrated on various issues in its meeting held on 12th September, 1986.

Quota for recruitment in Central Police Forces

400. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to allot quota in the recruitment of Central Police Forces based on community;

(b) whether the States have also been advised to follow this method in the matter of recruitment of police; and

(c) what are the details of the decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Recruitment in Central Police Forces is made not on the basis of community but according to the constitutional guarantee of equality of opportunity to all citizens. Reservation of vacancies is, however, made in favour of candidates belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled Tribes, according to general instructions of Government issued from time to time.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Sending of Police Officials to Scotland Yard for advanced training in prevention and detection of crimes

401. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some senior police officials from various States are being sent to Scotland Yard to get advanced training in detection and prevention of crimes as well as other methods of dealing with the situation arising out of increasing crimes;

(b) if so, the number of such officials being sent for such training and its State-wise break-up;

(c) what are the norms for selecting the Officials for such training; and

(d) whether it is a fact that no one from Gujarat has been selected for such training at Scotland Yard, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Framing of rules for commutation of sentence

402. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any rules under Section 433 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1971 for commutation of sentence of punishment awarded by the courts;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; if not, whether it is proposed to frame rules or guidelines under which the powers under Section 433 are to be exercised;